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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kisaburo Takahashi)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Input Device and Portable)
Electronic Device Using the Same)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15 and ending on page 4, line 20 as follows:

(Amended) in the case where the conventional input device, which is operated in such a manner, is used in a portable electronic device for example, a vertical or transverse scrolling operation is performed by the rotary electric part 51, and an operation for decision is performed by the push-switch 56.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 2 and ending on page 27, line 4 as follows:

(Amended) There is made pre-setting so that the pulse signal is OFF when the engaging member 10 is engaged with a concave section in the concave-convex portion 8d.

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Please rewrite Claim 3 as follows:

(Amended) 3. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in an L shape.

Please rewrite Claim 5 as follows:

(Amended) 5. An input device according to claim 1, wherein one of the first and second operating members tilts with the associated first or second rotary electric part as a fulcrum when pushed in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction thereof, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion.

Please rewrite Claim 6 as follows:

(Amended) 6. An input device according to claim 1, wherein both the first and second operating members tilt with the first and second rotary electric parts as fulcrums when pushed in directions perpendicular to the respective axial directions, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion of each of the first and second operating members.

Please rewrite Claim 9 as follows:

(Amended) 9. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in a T shape.

Please rewrite Claim 10 as follows:

(Amended) 10. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in an L shape.

Please rewrite Claim 12 as follows:

(Amended) 12. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein one of the first and second operating members tilts with the associated first or second rotary electric part as a fulcrum when pushed in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction thereof, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion.

Please rewrite Claim 13 as follows:

(Amended) 13. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein both the first and second operating members tilt with the first and second rotary electric parts as fulcrums when pushed in directions perpendicular to the respective

axial directions, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion of each of the first and second operating members.

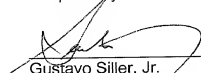
Please rewrite Claim 16 as follows:

(Amended) 16. An input device according to claim 15, wherein one push-switch is disposed below the third and fourth shafts so as to straddle both shafts, the first or the second operating member tilts when pushed in a direction perpendicular to a respective axial direction, and the push-switch is operated thereby.

REMARKS

Applicant has rewritten portions of the specification and Claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 16. The changes from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in attached Appendix A, with strikethrough for deleted matter and underlines for added matter.

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APPENDIX A
Attorney Docket No. 9281-3935
Input Device and Portable Electronic Device Using the Same
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In the Specification

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In the Claims

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

(Amended) 3. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in an L shape.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

(Amended) 5. An input device according to claim 1, wherein one of the first and second operating members ~~can-tilts~~ with the associated first or second rotary electric part as a fulcrum when pushed in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction thereof, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

(Amended) 6. An input device according to claim 1, wherein both the first and second operating members ~~can-tilt~~ with the first and second rotary electric parts as fulcrums when pushed in directions perpendicular to the respective axial directions, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion of each of the first and second operating members.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

(Amended) 9. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in a T shape.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

(Amended) 10. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are arranged in an L shape.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

(Amended) 12. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein one of the first and second operating members ~~can-tilts~~ with the associated first or second rotary electric part as a fulcrum when pushed in a direction perpendicular to the axial direction thereof, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion.

Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

(Amended) 13. A portable electronic device according to claim 7, wherein both the first and second operating members ~~can-tilt~~ with the first and second rotary electric parts as fulcrums when pushed in directions perpendicular to the respective axial directions, and a push-switch is operated by the tilting motion of each of the first and second operating members.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

(Amended) 16. An input device according to claim 15, wherein one push-switch is disposed below the third and fourth shafts so as to straddle both shafts, the first or the second operating member tilts when pushed in a direction perpendicular to ~~its~~ respective axial direction, and the push-switch is operated thereby.